

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

**JOHN ROBERT SMITH, SHIRLEY HALL  
AND GENE WALKER**

**PLAINTIFFS**

**VS.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:01-cv-855-HTW-DCB**

**DELBERT HOSEMAN, Secretary of State of  
Mississippi; JIM HOOD, Attorney General for the State of  
Mississippi; HAYLEY BARBOUR, Governor of the State  
of Mississippi; MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE; and, MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**DEFENDANTS**

**and**

**BEATRICE BRANCH, RIMS BARBER,  
L.C. DORSEY, DAVID RULE,  
JAMES WOODWARD, JOSEPH P. HUDSON  
and ROBERT NORVEL**

**INTERVENORS**

**CONSOLIDATED WITH**

**KELVIN BUCK, ET AL.**

**PLAINTIFFS**

**VS.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:11-cv-717-HTW-LRA**

**HALEY BARBOUR, ET AL.**

**DEFENDANTS**

**THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S JOINDER IN THE  
MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S  
RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO AMEND**

Mississippi Secretary of State Michael Watson joins in the Mississippi Republican Party Executive Committee's ("MREC") response to the Buck plaintiffs' motion to amend, Doc. 198, and hereby adopts and incorporates the arguments set forth in the MREC's response and supporting memorandum.

Dated: June 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

**MICHAEL WATSON,  
Secretary of State of Mississippi**

By: /s/ William Trey Jones, III \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, William Trey Jones, III hereby certify that I electronically filed the above and foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

Dated: June 17, 2022

*/s/ William Trey Jones, III* \_\_\_\_\_